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In re the Application of:

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For: BALL THROWING MACHINE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION FILING

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Any fee not covered by a check accompanying this paper and necessary for consideration of this Preliminary Amendment response may be charged to Deposit Account Number 03-3975.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks: begin on page 4 of this paper.